

immerse ourselves in local demographic developments, and to collaborate on local economic development issues. He was instrumental as chair of the local committee that oversaw the return of federal property to the City of Warren for economic development during a Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) process. He was proactive in talking about the economic opportunities that exist in the defense sector for Macomb County and Southeast Michigan, and in ensuring a vital role for MCC in training and re-training efforts in this sector. In recent years, he has spoken out eloquently about the role of new immigrants in the County and at the College. Each of these examples highlights how Dr. Jacobs combines a unique ability to look to the future, with an appreciation of the past and always a grounding in the realities of working families. We have benefitted tremendously from his expertise, but more importantly from his passion and commitment for all of these issues.

While he is retiring from Macomb Community College, he will continue the important work to which he has been committed for five decades. He will join the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation, which focuses its philanthropic efforts in Southeast Michigan and in Western New York, advising it on how it can best support programs which will help working class families receive skills training and education to better secure their futures.

The President of the Center for Automotive Research, Jay Baron, told the Detroit Free Press, "Jim can talk to presidents and he can talk to the guy in the tool and die shop." Jim Jacobs has always known that presidents are important, but his life's work has been to help that person in the tool and die shop achieve economic security for his or her family in an ever-changing economy. Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in thanking Dr. James Jacobs for his immeasurable contributions to Macomb Community College and to the people of Macomb County, and in wishing him the very best as he retires from the important institution which he served for 50 years.

HONORING CLAUDE CARTER

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special person, Mr. Claude Carter, of Bath County, Kentucky. Mr. Carter, a veteran of World War II, is a member of the Greatest Generation.

Mr. Carter enlisted in the United States Navy at the age of 18. After completing basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Base in Illinois, he was then placed on a troop transport train to San Francisco. There, he received hatchman and winchman training. The sailors were trained to load and unload tons of supplies from the merchant ships as quickly as possible. Mr. Carter and 3,000 others then boarded the U.S.S. *Pondera* for Honolulu. There they were transferred to a naval supply depot where they were in charge of transporting supplies to ships outside the harbor. Mr. Carter and others were struck by the destruction left following the attack on Pearl Har-

bor, and were always mindful of the sacrifices made there on December 7th, 1941. During his time in Hawaii, the names of all those in his company were listed on the wall, and every other man was chosen to transfer to Iwo Jima or Okinawa. Mr. Carter was not chosen and stayed on the island to finish his service. He reached the rank of 3rd Class Boatswain's Mate Coxswain and was discharged in June of 1946.

Mr. Carter returned home where he attended Tennessee Tech, worked at the family hardware store, and built electricity and telephone line systems. He and his wife Lena have lived in Owingsville for 22 years where they enjoy retirement.

Mr. Carter and so many other men and women accepted the call of their country and volunteered to serve. Their sacrifice protected freedom and preserved it for future generations. Mr. Carter is truly an American patriot. I am honored to recognize Mr. Claude Carter before the United States House of Representatives.

TAYLOR BELLMER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Taylor Bellmer for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Taylor Bellmer is a student at Standley Lake High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Taylor Bellmer is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Taylor Bellmer for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MELVIN R. BROWN III FOR EARNING EAGLE SCOUT ACHIEVEMENT

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Melvin R. Brown, of Joplin, Missouri, on his recent achievement of the Boy Scouts of America's top rank of Eagle Scout.

The rank of Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America. It is the culmination of many years of hard work and dedication, requiring countless hours of service, training and learning.

Becoming an Eagle Scout requires a significant amount of determination and self-discipline, traits which will no doubt serve to

make Mr. Brown a better employee, family member and American throughout his life. To achieve this rank, he demonstrated active teamwork in his troop, underwent numerous wilderness training tests, dedicated time to his community and has adhered to the Boy Scouts of America oath's reverence for character, citizenship and personal wellness.

Mr. Speaker, by attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, Mr. Brown has set himself on the path to achieve future success, and I'm proud to count him among my constituents. His dedication in completing the required benchmarks and community service requirements to reach the Eagle Scout rank is indicative of his ability to accomplish whatever goals he sets his mind to. I wish Mr. Brown luck with all his future endeavors, and urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating him on this momentous achievement.

COMMEMORATING THE FRIENDSHIP CENTERS OF EMMET COUNTY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the Friendship Centers of Emmet County as they celebrate 50 years of meaningful work in Michigan's First Congressional District. Families throughout Michigan understand how important it is to have quality and compassionate care for seniors, and we are grateful for the Friendship Centers of Emmet County's half-century of community service.

The Friendship Centers of Emmet County date back to 1960 when a small group of friends in the basement of a Petoskey church decided to gather for social activities on a regular basis. Eight years later, the group of friends, which had grown significantly and formed a "Steering Committee for a Drop-in Center," successfully petitioned the city for the use of space in the old Petoskey City Hall building. In 1988, the Friendship Center of Petoskey was officially reincorporated as the Friendship Centers of Emmet County (FCEC) with three satellite locations in Alanson, Harbor Springs and Pellston, aimed at serving the educational, social, and physical needs of senior citizens. The Friendship Center of Petoskey remained at the old city hall for the next thirty years until it moved to its current location on Anderson Road in December of 1999.

In addition to offering a fun and social space for senior citizens to gather, the Friendship Centers of Emmet County have consistently proven to be leaders in the community through targeted initiatives that enhance the wellbeing of elderly citizens. Programs like "Sit and Be Fit" and Tai Chi classes help members stay healthy, engage seniors in activities that enhance their standard of living, and prepare them for an active lifestyle in their later years. The FCEC also hosts several special guest speakers who provide lectures to seniors on topics ranging from health and volunteerism to the arts and environmental issues. This program is one of several that exemplify the FCEC's tremendous efforts to foster continued academic growth within the community, and promote lifelong scholarship in a robust social setting.